

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A medical lead, comprising:
a lead body including a distal end; and
a glue segment disposed in proximity to said distal end;
wherein said glue segment comprises a tissue adhesive encapsulated within a biocompatible capsule, said capsule ~~formulated to rupture~~ being adapted for rupturing in response to applied force produced when said lead is ~~urged~~ pressed against a treatment site, said capsule releasing rupture liberating said tissue adhesive upon rupturing, which serves to affix said lead body to said treatment site.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The medical lead of claim 1, wherein said tissue adhesive comprises a n-butyl cyanoacrylate.
4. (Previously Presented) The medical lead of claim 1, wherein said tissue adhesive comprises a fibrin glue.
5. (Original) The medical lead of claim 1, further comprising a guard disposed in proximity to said glue segment.
6. (Original) The medical lead of claim 1, wherein said glue segment is formed in an annular shape.
7. (Original) The medical lead of claim 1, wherein said glue segment is formed in a tubular shape.

8.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) The medical lead of claim 1, further comprising a tip electrode.

11. (Original) The medical lead of claim 10, wherein said tip electrode is formed from a helix-coil.

12. (Previously Presented) A medical lead, comprising:
an elongated lead body having a longitudinal axis and terminating in a distal end surface;

a tip electrode extending outward from the distal end surface of the lead body in a direction that is substantially aligned with the longitudinal axis of the elongated lead body; and

a glue segment extending outward from the distal end surface of the lead body in a direction that is substantially aligned with the longitudinal axis of the elongated lead body and disposed within said tip electrode to affix said electrode to a treatment site, wherein the glue segment is encapsulated within a biocompatible capsule.

13. (Original) The medical lead of claim 10, wherein said glue segment is disposed about said tip electrode.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A system for affixing a medical lead to a tissue site, the system comprising:

a medical lead including a lead body;

a catheter having a catheter lumen adapted to receive said medical lead and to permit said medical lead to be advanced therethrough;

a glue segment disposed at a distal end of said lead, the glue segment comprising a tissue adhesive adapted to affix said medical lead to the tissue; and

a guard disposed about said lead body being proximal to and in proximity to said glue segment, said guard projecting outward from said lead body to prevent said glue segment from contacting a wall of said catheter lumen as said lead is advanced therethrough.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein said tissue adhesive comprises a n-butyl cyanoacrylate.

21. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said tissue adhesive comprises a fibrin glue.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein said glue segment is formed in an annular shape.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein said glue segment is formed in a tubular shape.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein said glue segment includes dots of tissue adhesive.

27. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein the medical lead includes a tip electrode.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein said tip electrode is formed from a helix-coil.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein said tissue adhesive is disposed about said tip electrode.

31. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said medical lead includes a lumen disposed therethrough and wherein said lumen is adapted to receive and dispense said tissue adhesive.

32. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said catheter includes a balloon disposed at a distal end of said catheter and adapted to clear said tissue site.

33. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said catheter is adapted to apply suction in proximity to said tissue site.

34. (Original) The system of claim 18, wherein said catheter includes mapping electrodes.

35. (Original) The system of claim 18, further comprising an implantable medical device adapted for coupling to said medical lead.

36. (Currently Amended) A cardiac medical lead, comprising:

a lead body having a longitudinal surface extending from a proximal end to a distal end, and having a distal surface at the distal end that is perpendicular to the longitudinal surface;

a helix-coil electrode extending outward from the distal end of the lead body to a distal end; and

a glue segment extending along and outward from the distal surface at the distal end of the lead body and proximate to the distal end of the helix-coil electrode to affix said helix-coil electrode to a treatment site as the helix-coil electrode is advanced into the treatment site in response to torque being applied to the lead body, wherein the glue segment comprises a biocompatible capsule, said capsule being adapted for rupturing in response to applied force produced when said lead is pressed against a treatment site as the electrode is advanced, said capsule releasing said tissue adhesive upon rupturing, which serves to affix said lead body to said treatment site and wherein the glue segment is cured upon contact with moisture at the treatment site.